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SUBJ: NEWSOM VISIT TO GUINEA

1. FIN MIN TOLBERT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ASST. SECTY NEWSOM'S IMPRESSIONS FOLLOWING VISIT TO GUINEA JULY 9-13. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH EITHER PRESIDENT TOLBERT OR BROTHER STEVE.
2. NEWSOM EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED CONAKRY. PRESIDENT TOURE RECEIVED HIM FOR TWO LONG SESSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI AND FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON TWO DAY TRIP TO BOKE AND FRIA.
3. GUINEANS OBVIOUSLY EAGER FOR NORMAL RELATIONS. PRESIDENT TOURE INITIATED STRONG EXPRESSION APPRECIATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL U.S. PL-480 AID TO DATE AND FOR CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR. CONVERSATIONS WHICH WERE VERY FRANK CENTERED TO LARGE EXTENT ON QUESTION MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. PRESIDENT APPEARED ACCEPT OUR ASSURANCES THAT NO PART U.S.G. INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITIES INVOLVING INTERNAL AFFAIRS GUINEA.
4. REQUEST WAS MADE FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY
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IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. IN VIEW UNCERTAINTIES OF U.S. AID

PROGRAM, WE WOULD MAKE NO COMMITMENTS BUT PROMISED GIVE
CAREFUL STUDY. MEANWHILE WE ENCOURAGED GUINEA TO LOOK TO

REGIONAL HELP SUCH AS WARDA. WE PROMISED TO EXTENT
COMMODITIES AVAILABLE TO MEET PL-480 OBLIGATIONS,
PARTICULARLY IN DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS.

5. NET RESULT HAS BEEN FURTHER ESTABLISHMENT SATISFACTORY
DIRECT TIES BETWEEN GUINEA AND U.S.

6. FYI GUINEANS MADE NO REFERENCE TO LIBERIAN TIE OR TO
TOLBERT'S INTERVENTION ON OUR BEHALF. END FYI. RUSH

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